available with him, we too are in the same position. I may inform the hon. Gentleman that we are not in a peculiar and advantageous footing."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"ప్రభుత్వం ఈ చిన్న సమాచారాన్ని గురించి Central Government నుంచి తెప్పించుకోనేనటువంటి స్థితిలోవున్నదా ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar.

* 273 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the investigation report on Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar, and taken any decision on the report; and

(*b*) what is the extent of the area that will be benefited by the project and what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes. It is under examination.

" (*b*) (i) About 24,000 acres; and

(ii) Rs. 298 lakhs."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that Malabar is a heavily deficit district and the report itself has been before the Government for a long time, will the Government be pleased to take an early decision in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I know to which report the hon. Member is referring? "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I refer to the investigation report, Sir."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This scheme has been recommended for inclusion in the Supplementary Plan."

Claims of pensioners of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 274 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of claims of pensioners retired from Pudukkottai State Service after merger (3rd March 1948) pending disposal (1) with the District Collector, (2) the Accountant-General's office, (3) the Sub-Collector of Pudukkottai ; and

(*b*) the number of claims of pensioners settled by the former Pudukkottai State Government on the eve of merger but now revised by the Madras Government as per Madras Pension Rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No cases of claims of pensioners retired from the ex-Pudukkottai State Service